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To,  
The Finance Minister,  
Ministry of Finance, Government of India,  
North Block, New Delhi - 110001

**Subject: Request for Review of Decision on Dearness Allowance Arrears for Covid period.**

Hon'ble Finance Minister,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the decision to withhold the release of 18 months' worth of Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears for Central Government employees and pensioners, as communicated in the Lok Sabha session.

I fully understand the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic disruptions that led to the freezing of three instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for the fiscal years 2020-21. However, as our nation is gradually recovering from the impact of the pandemic, it is heartening to witness an improvement in the financial position of our country.

I would like to highlight the significant contributions made by all government employees and retired personnel during the challenging times of the pandemic. Their unwavering dedication and hard work were instrumental in ensuring the smooth functioning of essential services and supporting the nation's fight against COVID-19.

Considering the improving financial scenario and the pivotal role played by government employees, I kindly request your esteemed office to review the decision on the release of the seized three instalments of Dearness Allowance at the upcoming budget session. The accumulated amount, which was temporarily withheld due to the fiscal constraints of the past, can now be disbursed to the deserving beneficiaries.

I understand that the government has allocated funds to tide over the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and I believe that releasing the seized DA arrears would contribute to the welfare of government employees and retirees. It would not only recognize their efforts but also provide much-needed relief to those who have diligently served our nation.

In line with the government's commitment to the welfare of its citizens, I urge you to consider this request favorably and announce the release of the withheld Dearness Allowance arrears for the benefit of government employees and pensioners. This gesture would undoubtedly boost the morale of the workforce and reinforce their sense of belonging to the larger national cause.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to a positive outcome that reflects the government's continued support for its dedicated employees.

Sincerely yours



**(MUKESH SINGH)**

General Secretary/BPMS &  
Member, National Council (JCM)

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I/c BPMS & Vice President  
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Shri Sadhu Singh,  
Secretary General,  
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- With request to raise the matter in pre-budget consultation meeting  
with Hon'ble Finance Minister, Govt of India.